

SCHOOL OF MEDICINE AND DENTISTRY – REPORT TO SENATE JUNE 2018

1. Undergraduate and postgraduate recruitment

SMD has maintained a strong position in both undergraduate and postgraduate recruitment. For PGT, the Faculty has seen an increase in the number of conditional and unconditional acceptances against the same point in 2017 for both Home/EU and International students. The Faculty remains on track to deliver on the December 2018 intake targets.

2. Research

2.1 Health Data Research UK

In February, a partnership between QMUL, University College London, Imperial College, King's College London, and The London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, was confirmed as the pan-London foundation site for a new national institute, Health Data Research UK. The award of £7.5m to the partnership will build on the institution's strengths in e-health data research and human genomics, particularly with regards diabetes and cardiovascular disease.

2.2 Industrial Strategy Challenge Fund

The Faculty is in the process of developing its strategic response to the Industrial Strategy Challenge Fund to catalyse funding opportunities for core research areas. The SMD Research Deanery and the QMUL Business Development Team will be hosting an Industrial Strategy Briefing day on 19th June to begin to coordinate responses to the calls, particularly in the areas of "Data to early diagnosis and precision medicine", "Healthy ageing", and "Leading-edge healthcare".

2.3 Local Health Care Records Exemplar (LHCRE)

Across London, [NHS England awarded](#) the "One London" Local Health Care Records Exemplar in May 2018. Led from NHS East London by Luke Readman, honorary research fellow at QMUL, this initiative will transform the way in which data is shared across primary care, hospitals, community and mental health trusts for direct NHS patient benefit.

2.4 GCRF

To date, SMD has received £16m in blue chip grants awarded under the GCRF umbrella. The Faculty is now preparing for the next GCRF/MRC call on "Cancer research and global health initiative" with a deadline of 20th June.

2.5 NIHR Funding

QMUL, together with KCL, Imperial, and UCL, have been awarded £6.3m to develop an NIHR Research Design Service to assist researchers in the development of impactful health and social care research bids.

2.6 Rutherford Fellows

Having been awarded four Rutherford Fellowships, the SMD Rutherford Academy has now appointed four ECRs in the field of health data research. The successful Fellows are Dr Kit Curtius and Dr Dayem Ullah from Barts Cancer Institute, Dr Gill Harper from the Blizard Institute, and Dr Adriano Barbosa from the William Harvey Research Institute. They will be working on a range of projects looking at the detection of gastrointestinal cancers, the progression of pancreatic cancer, the effect of geography and environment on population health, and the use of health records in monitoring the progression of heart disease.

3. **Athena Swan**

The Faculty is delighted that the Athena Swan submission for renewal of SMD's Silver status was successful. An enormous amount of work and dedication was invested in this application by the SMD Athena Swan SAT team, chaired by Prof. Maralyn Druce, and the Faculty would like to extend its considerable appreciation to the team for producing a phenomenal submission and successful outcome.